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**MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4TH!**

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## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

THIS MONTH IS "PLAN FOR PAARA 1988 CHRISTMAS DINNER & ELECTION MONTH". POTENTIAL OFFICERS ARE BEING SOUGHT OUT TO FILL POSTS IN PAARA LEADERSHIP FOR THE COMING YEAR. NOMINATIONS WILL FINALIZE THIS MONTH WITH ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER. GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AT DINAH'S ON 19 DECEMBER. THIS IS WHERE THE CLUB IS AT ITS FESTIVE BEST & ESSENTIALLY STARTS THE NEW YEAR '89. SEE SPECIAL QST'S ELSEWHERE ON THIS MONTH'S THEME. TNX FOR THIS ISSUE'S SUBMISSIONS & SEE YOU NEXT MONTH. 73 de YOUR EDITOR.

## **SPEAKER OF THE MONTH**

### **DOC GMELIN W6ZRJ**

FORMERLY PACIFIC DIVISION ARRL DIRECTOR, WILL GIVE HIS USUAL ENCHANTING PRESENTATION ON:

"THE GOOD OLDE DAYS OF RADIO"...

DOC & HIS SIDEKICK AL GAETANO W6VZT HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND TO VARIOUS CLUBS GIVING THIS DELIGHTFUL PRESENTATION & IT HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED.

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER-- SU HONG'S, EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD, MENLO PARK, 5:45PM OF MEETING FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH! BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! --

--PAARA PROGRAM QST de ANDY VE3FZK  
PAARA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE ANOTHER YEAR END IS STARING US IN THE FACE. OCTOBER IS OVER, AND THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT. SPEAKING OF OCTOBER, I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE AUCTION AS CERTAINLY I HAD FUN. IT WAS UNUSUALLY STRONG ON THE AUCTION PORTION, BUT WE ONLY HAD ABOUT 300 IN ATTENDANCE (COMPARED WITH 400 LAST YEAR). N6PGM DID A GREAT JOB HANDLING THE TREASURER'S TABLE, KA6LZI WAS TOTALLY ORGANIZED AS USUAL ON TABLE SALES (WE EVEN SOLD ONE TABLE TWICE!). SEVERAL OLD AND NEWER PEOPLE SUPPORTED REGISTRATION, INCLUDING KB6UDA WHO ALSO BROUGHT THE RAFFLE PRIZES. W6NIR SEEMED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL SORTS OF ODD JOBS WERE TAKEN CARE OF. UNFORTUNATELY, K6YT HAD TO DRIVE BACK HOME & GET HIS PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, SINCE THERE WAS A LAST-MINUTE CONFUSION OVER THE USE OF THE AMPEX UNIT. KD6ZL IN PARTICULAR STUCK IT OUT AS EQUIPMENT MOVER AND COLLARED A MYSTERY VOLUNTEER WHO SUPPLIED SUBSTANTIAL HELP.

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# PRESENT

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IT WAS GREAT SEEING NOLAN KB6LT WHO ALSO KEPT US ORGANIZED IN THE AUCTION DEPARTMENT. DUSTY K6MPN AND JOHN K6JJU ORGANIZED AND SERVED COFFEE AND DONUTS WITH TYPICAL EXPERTISE. MANY OTHERS WERE THERE AND PAARA THANKS YOU ALL.

KEEP THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FREE. WE WILL HAVE AN EVENING OF CHEER ON 19 DECEMBER AT DINAH'S SHACK IN PALO ALTO. N6PGM WILL TAKE YOUR FOOD ORDERS AT THE MEETING. WE WILL HAVE THE TRADITIONAL GIFT EXCHANGE, AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BRING THEM UP, OR GIVE ME A LANDLINE.

A FORMAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE FAILED TO BE ORGANIZED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. HOWEVER, ALL OFFICERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECRETARY AGREED TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER TERM.

de WA6LNV

# PAARA BRIEFS

HAPPY 79TH BIRTHDAY TO PAARA'S PERRY YELTON WR6E, WHO REACHES THE MARK ON NOVEMBER 1ST. MANY HAPPY RETURNS!  
-ED

SPECIAL TNX & 73'S TO CRAIG (N6ITW) & VAL SMITH WHO SHOWED YOUR EDITOR SUCH FINE HOSPITALITY AT THE SUNDAY GET-TOGETHER OF HAMS ON 25 SEPTEMBER!  
-ED.

UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS SAY THAT PACIFICON '88 WAS THE PLACE TO BE TO GET A VIEW OF THE STATE OF AMATEUR RADIO AS IT IS-- WHERE THE PLUSSES & MINUSES OF THE HOBBY COULD BE NOTED AND HONESTLY ASSESSED, BY DIRECTLY SEEING & HEARING PEOPLE & EQUIPMENT THAT COMPRISE THE AMATEUR SERVICE. IN THIS PERIOD OF STRESS ON THE AMATEUR SERVICE, IT IS LIKELY THAT CONVENTIONS SUCH AS THE PACIFICON EVENT WILL BE LESS FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE FOR INFORMATION AND STRATEGY DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENT OF AMATEUR RADIO-- IN THE FACE OF CALLOUS PRIVATIZATION & OUTRIGHT PIRACY BY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. 73'S, FINE BUSINESS, & NICE JOB TO AE6Z SHORTY & THE SCCARA CREW. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! -ED.

===SPECIAL TNX TO JOE KB6OWG ES ROB KA6JLT FOR THEIR "SENSATIONAL" WIRELESS & LANDLINE QST'S FOR THIS ISSUE-- ED.

QST DE JOE KB6OWG

THE

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GANG

THE FOUR-FIFTY GANG (WITH NET ON 10 METERS) MARKS ITS 2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR AND INVITES ALL NOVICES & AMATEUR OPERATORS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEM ON 28.450... THE PURPOSE OF THE NET IS TO ASSIST NOVICES & OTHER AMATEUR OPERATORS WITH MORSE CODE & INFORMATION NECESSARY TO UPGRADE TO A HIGHER CLASS OF LICENSE. THE NET MEETS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT AT 0400 UTC (9:00 LOCAL TIME), ON 28.450 MHZ. de KB6OWG

# HOLIDAY BULLETIN FROM LILY N6PGM

HEAR YE HEAR YE

BY POPULAR DEMAND, BASED ON LAST  
YEAR'S SUCCESS, PAARA'S FABULOUS  
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & OFFICER  
INSTALLATION WILL BE HELD MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, AT DINAH'S SHACK.

NO HOST COCKTAILS 6:30 TO 7:30  
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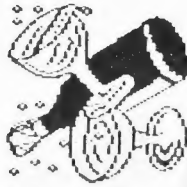
2) NEW YORK STEAK  
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3) FILET OF SALMON -- \$15.00

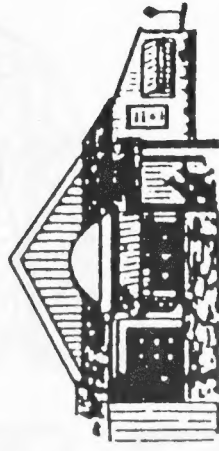
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# TRIBUTE TO JOHN W6ISQ



## John Troster inducted into CQ's DX Hall of Fame

*John Attaway, K4IIF, — CQ Magazine DX Committee Chairman — gave the following speech at Visalia's 1988 International DX Convention banquet, Saturday, April 23.*

A little over 20 years ago, the CQ DX Committee sought a means of recognizing those few rare DXers who had made enormous personal contributions to the hobby — often at great sacrifice of time and resources, and the DX Hall of Fame was conceived. More recently, we felt the need for a mechanism to honor those who have made similar contributions to contesting, and two years ago the Contest Hall of Fame was introduced.

The first to be elected to the DX Hall of Fame was Gus Browning, W4BPD, who carried out several great worldwide DXpeditions in the '50s and '60s. None of us who were active in those days will forget Gus, who operated from about 128 DXCC countries.

Also elected to the DX Hall of Fame

sponsor of a number of DXpeditions — most notably the Kingman Reef DXpedition that resulted in a new country. But, in a sense, the organization languished until 1979, when this man became its president.

As president of NCDCF he was responsible for moving the organization from the status of DXpedition sponsor to a broad-based supporter of Amateur Radio throughout the world.

It was through his personal efforts that the NCDCF provided direct support of Amateur Radio in developing countries. Nearly \$10,000 was given to the ARRL for support of Amateur Radio education in developing countries. An AMSAT demonstration station was funded.

And please understand that he was not just another on the NCDCF Board of Directors that voted for these worthy efforts. He was the one with the original idea, who developed the concept of how support could be supplied,

# TRIBUTE TO JOHN W6ISQ

coordinated with other national and international organizations, and argued his case before the Foundation Board.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was the NCDXF worldwide beacon were great QSL managers such as W2CTN and W4HNK, great writers such as Hugh Cassidy and Geoff Watts, and inspirational figures like Don Wallace.

I am pleased that we have with us today, at the world's greatest DX convention, several members of the DX Hall of Fame. I hope they will each stand and be recognized: Martti Laine, OH2BH (1972); Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL (1976); Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD (1980); Ron Wright, ZL1AMO (1985); Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK (1987).

Tonight we will induct into the DX Hall of Fame a man who, though shunning personal publicity, has supported DX and Amateur Radio worldwide in a very unique manner.

When a group of people decided 15 years ago to form an organization called the Northern California DX Foundation, this man was a founding member of that organization. In those early years, the NCDXF was a regular

project, which is now being used as a model by IARU societies for development of future beacon systems. Although many others contributed their time and labor to the beacon project, it was this man who was the spark plug, the visionary who convinced the NCDXF Board to fund the beacon project and who built up a team of experts to implement his concepts.

It was he who painstakingly identified the worldwide locations for beacons and negotiated agreements with the various beacon operators. It was he who personally typed out the applications and handled all special licensing procedures for the U.S. beacons at Stanford University and worked directly with the United Nations to obtain their approval for the beacon at 4U1UN. He is, in fact, the father of the worldwide NCDXF beacon project.

Please join me in welcoming John G. Troster, W6ISQ, as the newest member of the DX Hall of Fame. □

WORLD RADIO

(NOTE: GERRY W6NIR AND YOUR EDITOR THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO RECALL THE DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF PAARA'S JOHN TROSTER W6ISQ-- WHO WAS INDUCTED THIS YEAR INTO CQ'S DX HALL OF FAME. WORLD RADIO CARRIED THIS ADDRESS OF INDUCTION BY JOHN ATTAWAY K4IIF, AND IT IS REPRODUCED HERE-- WITH FOR OUR ENLIGHTENMENT. -ED.)

QST DE ROB KA6JLT

# KA6JLT-2

# BBS

THE (ROB WALKER) KA6JLT-2 BBS ON 144.93 IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF PAARA--- THAT'S ONE REASON WHY IT'S THERE! SO FAR, ONLY ABOUT 4 MEMBERS HAVE LOGGED ON. THIS PACKET BBS SYSTEM IS ON 144.93 AND THE CALL SIGN AGAIN IS KA6JLT-2; AND IF YOU CAN'T GET IT DIRECT YOU CAN DIGIPEAT VIA W6AMT--- A PRIMARY ITEM OF INTEREST ON THE BBS IS ATV IN ADDITION TO AMSAT AMATEUR SATELLITE SERVICES & RELATED INFORMATION; THERE IS TRADITIONAL MESSAGE HANDLING FOR LOGGED-ON PARTICIPANTS; ALL OF WHICH SHOULD AFFORD A USEFUL SERVICE TO KA6JLT-2 PATRONS. IF ONLY THERE WERE MORE ... CHECK IT OUT. de KA6JLT (ROB HAS PACKED A LOT OF AMATEUR RADIO INTO HIS BUSY SCHEDULE AND HAS PUT A LOT INTO HIS KA6JLT-2 SYSTEM. THOSE PAARA FOLKS WHO CAN SHOULD TRY HIS SYSTEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO MAKE USE OF THE RESOURCES THEREIN. -ED.)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## AMPEX

# AUCTION

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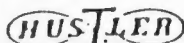
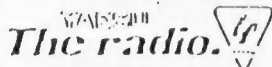
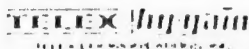


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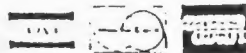
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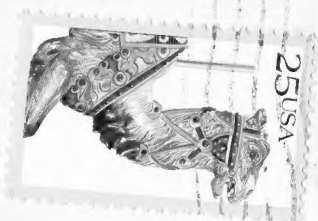
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